

expression to its own view of this matter from time to time. We cannot prevent that from happening. We give expression, to the best of our ability, to our view and explain that to other countries.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: In such matters do we lodge protests also or do we just keep quiet?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: To whom?

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: To the Chinese Government. When some Chinese sources make accusations against our country, then do we lodge protests or do we just keep quiet?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: What do we protest about, may I ask?

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: We protest in regard to the Chinese Premier having said these things, whether it is a fact and, if so, whether it is . . .

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: That means our protesting about the Chinese Premier stating what his case is. It is very extraordinary that we should protest to him about it. If he accepts our view, then the matter ends; there is no difficulty.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: Today's papers report that the Chinese have evacuated Longju. Is there any truth in it?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: We do not know, Sir.

SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: May I know whether the attention of the hon. Prime Minister has been drawn to the fact that some important members of political parties are actually doing propaganda supporting the view of the Chinese Premier?

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU: Yes, Sir. That has been referred to many times even in this House.

#### FALL IN EXPORT OF COIR GOODS

•166. SHRI BAIRAGI DWIBEDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement made by the Chairman of the Coir Board on the 21st September, 1960 at Ernakulam to the effect that "India is losing ground in coir goods exports"; and

(b) if so, whether Government are considering his suggestion that private parties should be allowed to set up factories for extraction of fibre on a large scale?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There is a slight downward trend in the exports though it is not serious. The programmes of the Coir Board are designed to arrest this trend and increase our exports. Manufacture of mattress and bristle fibre is one of the schemes encouraged by the Government to ensure increase and diversification of production.

SHRI BAIRAGI DWIBEDY: May I know what is the foreign exchange earning to the country by export of coir goods?

SHRI MANUBHAI SHAH: The average has been between Rs. 8 crores and Rs. 9 crores a year on coir fibre, coir yarn, coir mattress and other products.

#### DECLINE IN THE EXPORT OF MANGANESE ORE

•167. SHRI BAIRAGI DWIBEDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of manganese had declined in the year 1960 (upto November) as compared to the same period in the year 1958; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what are the causes for the decline and what steps have been taken by Government to restore the decline in export?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATISH CHANDRA): (a) and (b) Exports during January—August 1960 were 718 thousand tons as against 657 thousand tons during the corresponding period of 1958. There has, however, been decline in export earnings due to the general fall in prices of manganese-ore in the international market.

SHRI BAIRAGI DWIBEDY: May I know whether any manganese mines have been closed during November 1959?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: I am not aware of it, Sir. The question should be put to the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Fuel. We are concerned only with exports. The export performance during the first seven or eight months of this year is better than for the corresponding period last year.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know whether the Government is not contemplating to send out for export finished ferro-manganese instead of manganese-ore the price of which is declining?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: We export almost the entire production of ferro-manganese minus the indigenous requirements. Long-term contracts have already been entered into for its export.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: Is it not possible to utilise all the available ore for conversion into ferro-manganese and then export it?

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA: The ferro-manganese industry is developing gradually in the country. Certain units have gone into production and some are under construction. Their entire production is being exported. It is perhaps possible to develop it. There are, however, ferro-manganese units all over the world and they want raw material.

#### INDIANS ON HAJ PILGRIMAGE

•168. SHRI ANSARUDDIN AHMAD; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Indians who went on Haj pilgrimage during the last season and their numbers State-wise;

(b) the number of ships employed on this occasion;

(c) the number of sailings of each ship for both forward and return journeys;

(d) the number of pilgrims carried by each ship on both journeys; and

(e) the average period of time allotted to the Hajis or required to complete the Haj?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

#### STATEMENT

(a) 19,338. The State-wise figures are as under:—

U.P.....	7,003
Maharashtra	2,936
Gujarat ,	1,164
Andhra Pradesh	670
Kerala .	1,188
Madhya Pradesh	876
Rajasthan	863
Bihar	1,206
Delhi .	264
West Bengal .	1,361
Madras .	367
Assam .	934
Mysore .	272
Orissa	38
East Punjab .	7*
Manipur	12?

(b) Four.